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ITALY.

Report from Naples—Inspection of vessels—Emigrants recommended for rejection—Smallpox in Italy.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McLaughlin reports, January 6:
Week ended January 4.

Vessels inspected.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Destination.	Steerage passengers inspected and passed.	Pieces of large baggage inspected and passed.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Dec. 30	Nord America	New York	189	50	380
Jan. 4	Republic	do	177	60	300
	Total		366	110	680

PALERMO.

Dec. 31	Nord America.....	New York . .	102	155	66
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Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Dec. 30	Nord America	9	1	4	2	16
Jan. 4	Republic	3	6	1	10
	Total	12	1	10	3	26

PALERMO.

Dec. 31	Nord America.....	8	2	1	11
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Smallpox.

Week ended January 2: Ponza (Caserta), 19 cases; Pietragalla (Potenza) 4, Cittanova 16, Polistena 16, Anoia 3, Siderno 1, Gerace Superiore 12, Mammola 3, Gerace Inferiore 1, San Giorgio Morgeto (Reggio Calabria) 2.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Cholera nearly extinct—Smallpox outbreak checked.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, December 31:

Week ended December 28. Bills of health were issued to 6 steamships and 2 sailing vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 911 passengers and 589 members of crews. Two of the steamships, the

Ceylon Maru, for Manila, and the *Benarty*, for Manila, were fumigated in part.

Four steerage passengers and some of the members of the crews were bathed and their effects disinfected.

The report for the week ended December 22 omitted steamship *Nippon Maru*, for San Francisco, via Honolulu, with 29 saloon, 368 steerage passengers, 7 European steerage passengers, and 183 in the crew.

During the month ended December 28 there were 776 intending steerage passengers for the United States or their possessions examined with special reference to freedom from loathsome or dangerous contagious disease, of whom 46 were certified, 133 advised to wait, and 597 passed. Five hundred and sixty-nine steerage passengers, 92 members of crews, and 46 steerage passengers for Canada were bathed and their effects, 1,191 pieces of baggage, disinfected.

Cholera has nearly disappeared everywhere and the small outbreak of smallpox here has been checked.

Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Mongolia*, January 3, advised to wait, 4. Detentions were for trachoma.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Epidemic smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, December 26:

Week ended December 21.

Supplemental bills of health granted to 5 steamships with a total personnel of 1,652. There were inspected 5 vessels, 681 members of crews, and 819 steerage passengers. There were disinfected by steam 750 pieces of baggage, and 419 steerage passengers were bathed, vaccinated and held five days under observation. Manifests were viséed for 2,423 pieces of freight.

Emigrants were examined as follows: The steamship *Yawata Maru* for Manila, passed 17; recommended for rejection 3; the steamship *Tremont* for Seattle, passed 32; recommended for rejection 37; the steamship *Aki Maru* for Seattle, passed 24; recommended for rejection 13, and the steamship *Asia* for San Francisco and Honolulu, passed 278; recommended for rejection 214. All emigrants per steamship *Asia* were for Honolulu.

The official report of communicable diseases at this port during the week shows 202 cases of smallpox with 36 deaths. The smallpox epidemic has assumed alarming proportions, notwithstanding the efforts of the local authorities to stamp it out by isolation of all cases and contacts found, and practically a house-to-house inspection and vaccination. On December 22 there were reported 40 new cases of the disease, and on December 23, 44 new cases.

Reports from Osaka show plague 28 cases and 28 deaths; cholera 2 cases and 1 death.